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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, June 28, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00124

To discontinue local exchange telecommunications services in Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES

On June 21, 2002, ALLTEL Communications of Virginia, Inc.

("ALLTEL" or the "Company"), filed a Petition with the State

Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting Commission

approval to discontinue its provision of local exchange

telecommunications services to customers in Virginia on June 28,

2002. In its application, ALLTEL states that it has determined

such action is a necessary business decision for the Company.

According to the Petition, ALLTEL currently provides local exchange telecommunications services to approximately 749

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¹ ALLTEL has requested that its local certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") not be canceled. The local CPCN, Certificate No. T-437, was originally issued under the name 360° Communications Company of Charlottesville d/b/a/ ALLTELL on March 26, 1999, in Case No. PUC-1998-00179. Certificate No. T-437a was issued March 6, 2002, in Case No. PUC-2002-00028, when the Company changed its name to ALLTEL Communications of Virginia, Inc.

business and residential customers in and around Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia.

Pursuant to 20 VAC 5-180 D 7, a competitive local exchange carrier cannot "abandon or discontinue local service except with the approval of the Commission, and upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe." The Commission's primary concern with authorizing discontinuance is providing adequate notice. While it appears that ALLTEL has provided adequate customer notice, the petition was not filed with the Commission until June 21, 2002, and the Company filing reflected that there were a number of remaining customers, both business and residential. Therefore, the Commission believes that additional time may be helpful to complete the transition of customers in an orderly manner.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will grant the requested discontinuance of services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00124.
- (2) ALLTEL is hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of local exchange telecommunications services to business and residential customers in Virginia effective July 19, 2002.

- (3) On or before July 15, 2002, ALLTEL shall report to the Commission's Division of Communications the number of its remaining business customers and its remaining residential customers in Virginia.
- (4) The local exchange tariffs of ALLTEL, on file with the Division of Communications, shall be canceled effective July 22, 2002.
- (5) ALLTEL shall provide a copy of its Petition
 upon written request by interested parties to counsel for the
 Company, Eric C. Page, Esquire, LeClair Ryan, P.C., 4201
 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. The
 Petition is also available for public inspection Monday through
 Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Commission's Document
 Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main
 Street, Richmond, Virginia.
- (6) This case shall be closed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.